(*b*) if so, the grounds on which such proposals are based?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Appointment of a committee for the Muslim Charitable and Religious Endowments in the Nilgiri district.

* 195 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any devasthanam committee was appointed by the Government at any time for the Muslim Charitable and Religious Endowments in the Nilgiri district under Act XX of 1863;

(*b*) if so, when the same was appointed and who constituted the committee;

(*c*) whether the committee is now functioning and who the present members of the committee are; and

(*d*) if not, whether there is any proposal before the Government to constitute a committee for the said district?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) These questions do not arise.

(*d*) No.

Alleged refusal of the Forest Officer, Tinnevelly, to permit the customary procession of the poosaries of Courtallam temple to pass through the forest to offer pooja in the Shambagadevi Falls.

* 196 *Q.*—Mr. A. Pl. N. V. Nadimuthu Pillai: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Forest Officer, Tinnevelly, refused to allow the temple poosaries of Courtallam temple last year on an important festival day to pass through the Reserved Forest area and perform pooja for the deity in the Shambagadevi Falls, which they have got a right to do;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the pooja for the deity was suspended for that day; and

(*c*) whether the Government are prepared to take any action in the matter?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) No action is called for.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"Is the place where the pooja has to be performed surrounded on all sides by reserved forests?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"I must ask for notice."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"Has a right of way been reserved to the temple?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"I believe so."